

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A container for dispensing a spreadable food product, said container comprising:  
a housing having an open top end for dispensing the spreadable food  
5 product, a bottom end, and a side wall;  
a platform positioned within the housing for supporting the spreadable  
food product, the spreadable food product being supported on a top surface of  
the platform;  
a dispensing mechanism mounted in the housing and attached to the  
10 platform for moving the platform from the bottom end of the housing towards  
the open top end of the housing along an axis for dispensing the spreadable food  
product; and  
a cover for covering the top end of the housing when not dispensing the  
spreadable food product.
- 15 2. The container of claim 1, wherein the open top end of the housing is shaped in a  
concave shape to receive a cylindrical food object.
3. The container of claim 1, wherein the open top end of the housing is shaped in a  
convex shape.
4. The container of claim 1, further comprising a spreadable food product  
20 contained therein.
5. The container of claim 4, wherein the spreadable food product is at least one of:  
butter, margarine, jelly, jam, nut butter and cream cheese.

6. The container of claim 1, wherein the platform is shaped to resemble the shape of the open top end of the housing.
7. The container of claim 1, wherein the container is disposable once the spreadable food product is used up.
- 5 8. The container of claim 1, wherein the container is adapted to be loaded with the spreadable food product.
9. The container of claim 1, wherein the open top end of the housing is slotted.
10. A method for dispensing a spreadable food product comprising the steps of:
  - 10 (a) providing a container for dispensing a spreadable food product, the container being formed of:
    - a housing having an open top end for dispensing the spreadable food product, a bottom end, and a side wall;
    - a platform positioned within the housing for supporting the spreadable food product, the spreadable food product being supported on a top surface of the platform; and
    - 15 a dispensing mechanism mounted in the housing and attached to the platform for moving the platform from the bottom end of the housing towards the open top end of the housing along an axis for dispensing the spreadable food product;
  - 20 (b) filling the container with an amount of the spreadable food product, resulting in a filled container;
  - (c) providing the filled container for use in dispensing the spreadable food product for consumption.

11. A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the open top end of the housing is shaped in a concave shape to receive a cylindrical food object.
12. A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the open top end of the housing is shaped in a convex shape.
- 5 13. A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the open top end of the housing is slotted.
14. A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the spreadable food product is at least one of: butter, margarine, jelly, jam, nut butter and cream cheese.
- 10 15. A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the platform is shaped to resemble the shape of the open top end of the housing.
16. A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the container is disposable once the amount of spreadable food product is used up.
17. A method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising the step of refilling the container with a desired spreadable food product for re-use of the container in  
15 dispensing the desired spreadable food product.